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SUBJ: ICAO SEC GEN VACANCY - INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRES/COUNCIL

REF: MONTREAL 206, MONTREAL 120

1. ALTERNATE USREP HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH BINAGHI, PRES/COUNCIL FOLLOWING MEETING WITH COM WALDNER FROM ARGENTINA (REF MONTREAL 206). INFORMED PRES OF MTG WITH COM WALDNER AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT COM LAMI DOZO'S CANDIDACY IN THAT IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS EARLIER IN WEEK HE HAD LED US TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A CANDIDATE FROM LATIN AMERICA. ASKED PRES IF IN HIS VIEW THERE WERE LIKELY TO BE ANY MORE CANDIDATES FILED FOR POSITION BY DEADLINE.

2. MR. BINAGHI STATED THAT THERE WERE NO ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. HE THEN STATED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF STRONG DESIRE BY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO HAVE A SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR POST OF SEC GEN. FURTHER HE KNEW PERSONALLY OF THREE BRAZILIANS WHO HAD BEEN CONTACTED, PEDRO SEIXAS (REF. MONTREAL 120), EX COUNCIL MEMBER, PAVAN, AND ANOTHER WHO HE DID NOT NAME. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT PROBABLY COM LAMI DOZO WAS NOT CONSIDERED INITIALLY BECAUSE OF HIS BEING ARGENTINEAN AND THERE MIGHT BE SOME WHO FEEL THAT "THERE HAVE BEEN ENOUGH ARGENTINEAN AT TOP LEVEL ICAO POSTS".

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HE THEN STATED THAT LAMI DOZO HAS A GOOD TECHNICAL BACK-

GROUND AND HAD SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF HIS MILITARY SERVICE WORKING WITH THAT PART OF ARGENTINE AIR FORCE WHICH OPERATES A SCHEDULED CIVIL AIRLINE IN ARGENTINA. HE AGAIN EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE HE PLACED ON SEC GEN TO BE APPOINTED HAVING A GOOD TECHNICAL BACKGROUND SINCE DR. KOTAITE HAS BEEN ELECTED COUNCIL PRES. HE STATED THAT HE WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT US HAD NOMINATED MRS. DILLON AND WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT US WOULD HAVE SELECTED SOMEONE WITH A STRONGER TECHNICAL BACKGROUND. HE QUICKLY EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD SAID SAME THING TO MRS. DILLON WHEN SHE ASKED HIM ABOUT HER CANDIDACY. HE THEN REPEATED IMPORTANCE THAT HE PLACED UPON SEC GEN TO BE ELECTED HAVING TECHNICAL COMPETENCY TO DEAL WITH DIRECTORS OF ANB AND TAB AS WELL AS DEALING WITH TECHNICAL EXPERTS OF ICAO'S WORK.

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